



OPERATIONAL MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Operational Memo is to inform providers and case management agencies (CMAs) of temporary reimbursement increases in response to the COVID-19 pandemic for Nursing Facilities, and Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF-IIDs).

Information:

In response to the increased costs associated with preventing and responding to COVID-19 outbreaks, the Department is issuing a temporary increase to reimbursement for Nursing Facilities, and ICF-IIDs.

Per [MSB-20-12-02-A](#) and Governor's Executive Order D-2021-010, the **Department will implement a temporary reimbursement increase of 8% for Nursing Facilities and ICF-IIDs**. This temporary reimbursement is effective from January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021. However, the Department may adjust the reimbursement back to the original reimbursement at its discretion.

It is the Department's expectation that the temporary increased reimbursement be used to provide services that protect health and result in better care, higher quality of life for residents, and support of Direct Care Workers during the COVID-19 emergency. Providers shall prioritize these enhanced payments to support costs associated with supporting critical staffing needs, such as increasing wages and compensation for their Direct Care Workforce. Providers that do not consider acknowledgement of enhanced compensation and/or recognize and comply with infection control requirements may be at risk for recoupment of the enhanced payment.

Billing instructions

Nursing Facilities: The reimbursement increase will be paid through a supplemental payment. Since there is no change to per diem rates, Nursing Facilities will not need to resubmit claims or adjust their billing practices to receive the supplemental payments. Supplemental payments will be calculated based historical Medicaid utilization.

ICF-IIDs: The Department will complete a transmittal to add the increase to existing per diem payments. For claims already submitted, the provider must manually edit the claim, or void the previous claims and resubmit a new claim.

Attachment(s):

None

Department COVID-19 Webpage:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/COVID>

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